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Anniversaries Celebrated Today At 9:00 A.M. Mass
Reception Follows In Parish Hall

Just A Word

by Fr. Harvey

Thanks to willing hands to say nothing of good memories, some hardy parishioners gathered last Wednesday evening to remove the trees and Christmas decorations from church. Thanks to all who helped clean up.

Don't forget to make plans to be in attendance for the scheduled Ecumenical prayer service planned for Tuesday evening, January 24, 1978 in our church. Neighboring non-Catholic communities have been invited to share in the service celebrating Church Unity Octave Week. The theme for this years celebration comes from St. Paul's writings, "We Are No Longer Strangers ..." Pastor Carl Leach of Emmanuel Lutheran Church will preach. Those who are part of Adult Instruction classes held each Tuesday evening will take part in the service prior to attending that evening's shortened class.

Beginning this Monday, I will be taking a few days of my vacation. Fr. Julius Meyer will be in residence at the rectory for evening emergencies during my absence. He will also celebrate a weekday Mass according to the published schedule. On other days, a Communion Service will be held in place of the Mass. I'm looking forward to this time of R & R and hope to return with recouped spirit.

Statements of contributions to the parish for the year just ended are being mailed now. If there is some discrepancy, please call the parish secretary, Marie Tava at 483-3360. While on this subject, may we ask once again that you **mark** your weekly offering on the envelope before making your offering. This helps avoid posting errors. Please use the weekly offering envelopes for parish offerings only! Mass offerings, religious education fees and donations to St. Vincent de Paul and so forth should not be placed in the Sunday envelopes but in plain envelopes with clear designation of purpose and donor. The letter accompanying your individual statements hopefully will be read by all. Needless repetition can be avoided if it is read. Thanks to all of you who have been conscientious and generous in meeting your responsibilities to this community. We continue to count on you.

If by chance, you are not receiving parish mailings, you may not be formally registered as a parish member. Please call the rectory if you wish to register or stop in anytime. We would rather meet you personally if we have not already done so. We also appreciate being informed when any change of address or telephone number change occurs. This thoughtfulness on your part greatly eases record keeping and file maintenance. It's impossible for us to reach you unless you make it possible for us.

New Life in Christ

During the monthly baptismal liturgy celebrated January 8, 1978, **Rachel Ann Przeslawski,** infant daughter of James R. and Mary M. (Bissonnette) Przeslawski, was welcomed into the Christian community by Fr. Harvey. Joseph Przeslawski and Julia Bissonette were the sponsors.

Congratulations, Jim and Mary. Welcome, Rachel.

In the Peace of Christ

Our prayerful remembrance is requested for the repose of Milton (Mike) Z. Dero who died suddenly on Wednesday, January 4, 1978 in Detroit.

Mr. Dero was 85 years of age at the time of his death. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in our church on Saturday, January 7, 1978 by Fr. Harvey. Burial followed in Udell Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by one daughter, Dr. Linda Wyrick, a son-in-law, Dr. Richard Wyrick, and one grandson, David, all of North Carolina.

May the Lord reward the faithfulness of Mike's life!

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

News Opportunity

Many of St. John's parishioners receive the official Diocesan weekly newspaper in their homes by mail. **The Catholic Weekly** may reach your home simply by returning the special pink envelope contained in the January packet of envelopes. Indicate on the envelope whether your subscription request is "new" or a "renewal." By subscribing through the parish, a reduced subscription rate is possible. Make sure the "Catholic Weekly" envelope is received here during the month of January!

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LITURGY

SATURDAY EVENING: ..... 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: ..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY: ..... 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.
DAILY: ..... 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday
... 2:30 Parkview Home Monday
... 5:30 p.m. Tuesday ... 9:00 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.
WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday ... 3:30-4:30 ... Anytime by appointment.
COMMUNAL PENANCE ..... As Announced
MARIAN DEVOTIONS ..... Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory Kindly notify us if moving from the parish
COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL: ..... 11:00 a.m. Sunday
ELEMENTARY: ..... Tuesday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH: ..... Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
SENIOR HIGH: ..... Monday 3:45-5:00 p.m. and Wednesday 7:00-8:15 p.m.
SPECIAL EDUCATION: ..... Arrangements made.
ADULT: ..... As announced.

PARISH SERVICES

BABY-SITTING: ..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: ..... After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses except July & August
BINGO: ..... Wednesday 6:45 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:15

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

John "Mickey" Mongiat

Many were stunned last Monday, January 9, by the sudden death of a faithful parishioner, loved by many in the area community and beyond. John Mongiat, known as Mickey, died after leaving morning Mass here on his way for a routine physical examination, at the age of 74 years. Mickey was daily porter here at the parish, unlocking the church doors and readying the altar for the 7:00 a.m. weekday Mass. This little service, sometimes a very important one for a sleepy-eyed priest, was only one of the many services he continued to render to area Courts, the University of Michigan, Beyer Hospital, and many others after his retirement as Sergeant and Post Commander for the Ypsilanti State Police Post here.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in our church by Fr. Harvey on Thursday, January 12, 1977. Burial of cremains will be in the Upper Peninsula. Mickey is survived by his wife, Carmelita, two daughters, Mrs. Terry (Cecelia) Dreyer, and Mrs. James (Shirley) Powers. Three sisters also survive along with three grandchildren.

May the love and kindness John lived, follow him and be cause for the everlasting crown of happiness which the Lord promises to bestow on his faithful ones!

If you desire your Christmas ornament, please pick it up after Mass this Sunday or next. They will be located on a table downstairs.

Intercessory Prayer

God our Father, you bring us to the threshold of another year. Help us to face its responsibilities, joys and sorrows with the conviction of your constant love. We are sorry for the unfaithfulness of the past: wasted time, destructiveness and failure to live up to our baptismal commitment. Confident of your forgiveness. we willingly forgive those who have wronged us. May each day's thoughts, words and actions bring us to everlasting life, where we will praise you and Jesus and the Holy Spirit forever.

Lord, we pray for our parish team. We pray for vocations.

Lord, we pray for healing for our many sick brothers and sisters. Lord, you are the great physician, you have all healing power and we pray that you see our sick, have mercy on them and heal them. We pray for the aged, the lonely and the rejected, that we may love them like you love us, your people.

Lord, we pray for the church unity octave week. Help us to come together as your people that we may no longer need to be strangers, so that scripture may be fulfilled, "and some day there will be one flock and one shepherd." Let it happen now, Lord.

We pray for the Kerner's, the Cicirelli's, and the DeLeno's. May they continue to serve the Lord in a more zealous way, serving and loving each other as they renew their marriage vows in God's love.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially Glen Wales, Nina Mathes, and Edith Hawes, and may they live forever in the presence of the King of Glory.

We thank you for the 28 new brothers and sisters who have joined our family of St. John 's. May they experience the joy and the freedom of worship and the movement of the Holy Spirit as they grow in God's love.

May all the earth give you worship and praise and break into song to your name, O God, Most High. "I will pour clean water over you and wash away all your defilement. A new heart will I give you," says the Lord. And may the peace and joy of the risen Lord be upon all of us now and forever.

Praise the name
of Jesus
David

What a wonderful response to respect for life as suggested by the Team for your advent preparation. As you can see by the thank you notes in last week's bulletin and again in this one, you have given much happiness to those running the Problem Pregnancy Program and Meals on Wheels.

Three very large boxes were taken to Problem Pregnancy by Mrs. Virginia Alton, our parish representative. Since that time we have received a $100.00 check for them also. $541.20 was given to Meals on Wheels. What a tremendous loving concern was shown by our parishioners during the "giving" season. May the Lord continue "giving" to you over and over for your generosity to others.

The parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society gave grants to needy groups for the holidays. In keeping with the spirit recommended for our parish giving, these agencies were helped by us also.

Sister Carol

Paper Drive

A paper drive will be held on Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22 in the St. Thomas Church parking lot, located off Kingsley Street, just past Elizabeth St. in Ann Arbor. The paper truck will be manned from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

A drop-off point will be located on the porch of St. Francis School, 2270 E. Stadium. Papers may be dropped off all day Saturday and until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Bundled and bagged papers would be greatly appreciated.

The drive is being sponsored by the Junior Class of Gabriel Richard High.

Margaret Sullivan,
Student

Good Samaritan Membership Program

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County

Please make your Good Samaritan contribution today! Catholic Social Services and its clients depend on your help. Of every dollar you contribute, 88¢ goes towards helping someone in need. If you do not have an envelope please obtain one today or you can mail your contribution to Catholic Social Services, 117 North Division, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108.

1978 marks the nineteenth year that Catholic Social Services has been serving the people of Washtenaw County. We have been able to continually improve our services because of your contributions. Our professional counseling staff has a wide range of expertise and handles all types of problems every day.

If five or ten dollars seems like a lot to you, consider what it means to someone who comes to Catholic Social Services to get emergency food, or to the pregnant woman who wants an adoptive home for the child she can't care for. Your Good Samaritan membership helps the agency maintain these services. Please help!

Our Goal - Every Parishioner a Paid Member!

week of prayer for christian unity

january 18-25

Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. However, many Christian communions present themselves to men as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided. Such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature.

Pope John XXIII
Decree on Ecumenism

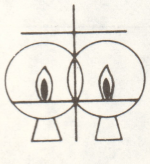
Church Unity Octave

As mentioned in last weeks bulletin, on Tuesday evening, January 24, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a non-sectarian religious service at which Rev. Carl Leach, Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church will officiate. St. John's has a limited number of brochures on the unity octave that will be available to those parishioners who wish to participate in the eight days of prayer. It is requested that only those with a sincere desire to use them take these brochures because of their limited number.

The theme for this year is **We Are No Longer Strangers.** The eight days of prayer and the service on the 24th is an effort by the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches to bring together in the spirit of christian love, the total christian community which for too many centuries has been divided. This is an effort to foster greater understanding between the Catholic Church and our Protestant brethern and vice versa. For those of you who have Protestant members in your family, this will, we pray, be a chance for all of you to worship together.

Anyone seeking more information or details should see Bob Helm or Sister Marilyn.

Robert E. Helm
Worship Commission
Chairman



Planning Marriage?

Couples intending to marry within the next six months are kindly requested to attend Pre-Marriage Seminars held at Holy Trinity Chapel, 511 W. Forest. Participation in the Pre-Marriage Seminar fulfills the requirement for pre-marriage counselling. The next seminar will be held February 3-5. Couples are asked to pre-register for this valuable preparation by calling the Chapel (482-1400).

Readings for Each of the Eight Days

January 18: **All Have Access to the Unity Given in Christ**

Read: Is. 60, 1-4; Eph. 1, 17-23; Luke 14, 15-24.

January 19: **In Union With Christ - In Unity With Myself**

Read: Ez. 36, 25-29a; Cor. 5, 14-17; Matt. 11, 25-30.

January 20: **The Human Family in the Household of God**

Read: Ecclesiasticus 3, 1-7; Col. 3, 12-17; John 15, 9-12.

January 21: **The Peace of Christ in the Place Where We Live**

Read: Jer. 29, 4-7; Acts 2, 42-47; Matt. 23, 1-17.

January 22: **Purpose and Dignity in our Daily Work**

Read: Gen. 2, 15-18; 3, 17-19; Thess. 3, 7-12; Matt. 20, 1-16.

January 23: **Citizens of our Country and Fellow-Citizens of God's People**

Read: Deut. 30, 15-20; James 2, 1-9; Luke 22, 24-27.

January 24: **No More Barriers Between Races, Religions, Cultures and Nations**

Read: Ruth 1, 1-17; Acts 2, 1-13; Matt. 28, 16-20.

January 25: **New Humanity and the Stewardship of Creation**

Read: Gen. 1, 26-31; Rom. 8, 18-25; Matt. 6, 25-33.

Christmas Thank You

January 3, 1978

To the staff and parishioners at St. John's ...

For the wonderful YES of your generous Christmastime baby shower on behalf of Problem Pregnancy Help, thank you a thousand times over. From the beauty and the abundance of the gifts you sent us it was apparent how much love and thought and work and care went into your offerings. The many special handmade baby things will be cherished by our new mothers - the mothers of babies who, without the support you help us to provide, might not have had the chance to live at all. For seeing the Christ Child in these children, God bless you. Your support is vital to us.

Problem
Pregnancy Help

Banns of Marriage

II - Jose Garcia and Catherine Schuette

I - David Brethauer and Karen Barge

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 16 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George Max

Tuesday, January 17 - St. Anthony, abbot
7:00 a.m. Distribution of Communion
5:30 p.m. Ray Swikoski, req. by Dale and Nina Bourdeau

Wednesday, January 18 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Distribution of Communion

Thursday, January 19 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Distribution of Communion

Friday, January 20 - Weekday/St. Fabian/St. Sebastion
7:00 a.m. Charles Parsons (1st Anniv.), req. by his wife

Saturday, January 21 - St. Agnes, virgin-martyr
9:00 No Mass
5:00 Mrs. Margaret Warner (Anniv.), req. by Edward D. Riley

Sunday, January 22 - Third Sunday of Year
7:00 a.m. Nina Mathes, req. by Mr. & Mrs. M. Stein
9:00 a.m. Glen Wales, req. by Lucille Nied
11:00 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
12:30 p.m. Jean Paul Davignon, req. by Ulysses Pilotte

Financial Barometer

January 8, 1978
Sunday Offering $4,689.38
Heritage Fund..... $50.00

George Vas, Sr.
Glen Wales
Nina Mathes

A.R.Ed. Ski Day

The Area Religious Education Program will sponsor a day of skiing at Mt. Brighton on Friday, January 27 from 9:00 until 6:00. The cost is $$11.50 which includes equipment, all-area ticket and transportation. The cost is $7.50 if you have your own skis. Reservations are limited to those enrolled in the program and must be made by Wednesday, January 25. But hurry ... space is limited. Call A.R.Ed. Office at 761-7656 for more details.

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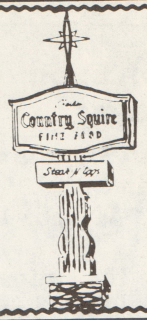

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